

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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5 The temporary protection of polymeric articles, particularly polymeric
articles with optical qualities such as ophthalmic lenses formed by the lamination of
individual lens blanks, can be effected by the application of protective polymeric
compositions to the surface of the polymer article, the composition being applied as
a dry film or coating a film on a surface of the polymeric article. The individual
lens blank is prepared for lamination or coating by application of a selective solvent
to the polymeric film, the selective solvent dissolving, dispersing or otherwise
removing the protective polymeric film but neither reacting with, etching or
10 dissolving the composition of the polymeric article. The solvent even may comprise
water or aqueous solutions (especially pH 8.0 to 12), although C1 to C5 alcohols
and alkylene glycol ethers may also be used as the solvent.

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